

#31/F
7/30/97
llb

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Fumio ABE et al.

Prior Group Art Unit: 1106

Rule 62 Continuation of
Serial No.: 08/530,537

Prior Examiner: N. Preisch

Filed: May 16, 1997

For: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified continuation application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An adsorbent for purification of automobile exhaust gas, comprising (a) a high-silica zeolite having a Si/^{atomic}Al ratio of not less than 40, and (b) a heat-resistant oxide[,] other than zeolite, wherein said heat-resistant oxide is loaded with a noble metal.

08857585 "051697